

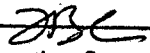
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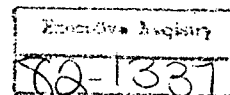
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SUBJECT: SIG Meeting Summary of Conclusions

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Attached is the Summary of Conclusions for the meeting of the SIG on the Transfer of Strategic Technology held May 5. It is covered by a Chairman's Note. Provided with the Summary is a copy of the Terms of Reference (TOR) discussed at the May 5 meeting.

*L. Paul Bremer, III*  
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## Attachments:

1. Chairman's Note
2. Summary of Conclusions
3. SIG Terms of Reference

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CONFIDENTIALCHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Thank you for your attendance at Wednesday's Senior Interagency Group on the Transfer of Strategic Technology. The time could not be better to demonstrate that this Administration intends to act with resolve in controlling the flow of strategic technology to the Soviet Union. [redacted] presentation clearly pointed out the Soviets' massive and centralized technology acquisition program. If we are to be successful in countering this program and thus insuring the protection of our long-term national security interests, we must work together in controlling the flow of strategic technologies to our potential adversaries.

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Our discussion reflected the fragmented nature of the USG response to this problem. I am sure that you will agree that we urgently require a central forum to discuss and coordinate our approach, although it is clear there is some disagreement over the action to be taken. I believe the Terms of Reference (TOR) for this SIG clearly identify the international aspects of the technology transfer issues and delineate a mechanism that will achieve our goals. If they can be interpreted to go beyond these and to encroach on prerogatives of other departments, they should of course be modified.

In that regard, I must assert the State Department's responsibility in these matters as established by Sections 5(k) and 5(i) of the Export Administration Act (EAA) and by National Security Decision Directive No. 2 dated January 12, 1982, which empowers the Secretary of State to establish SIGs involving foreign policy issues.

The TOR is attached for your review. If you have specific comments, please forward them to my staff. It is my hope that a TOR can be approved at our next meeting in early June so that we can get on to the more pressing policy issues. What is critical is that our response to the national security implications of technology transfer not become hostage to narrow interpretations of the law or to bureaucratic disputes. We must establish a policy review and coordination process that will deal with this serious problem. Congress recognizes the problems we face; we also must face up to our responsibilities.

Sincerely,

  
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Attachments:

1. Organizational Meeting Summary of Conclusions
2. Terms of Reference

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